
Local Government Committee

HB 1069

Brief Description: Regarding the disposition of unclaimed remains.

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander and Moeller.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies provisions governing the disposition of unclaimed remains by allowing the county coroner or medical examiner to establish a preferred funeral home for the disposition of unclaimed remains.

Hearing Date: 1/14/11

Staff: Miranda Leskinen (786-7291).

Background:

Under current law, the county coroner entrusts the remains of individuals who die without plans for the disposition of his or her body to a funeral home in the county where the body is found. Entrustment of unclaimed remains is made on a rotational basis as established by the coroner in consultation with funeral home or mortuary representatives in the county (or counties) involved. The rotation plan must treat equally all funeral homes or mortuaries wishing to participate.

Summary of Bill:

The county coroner or medical examiner, using a qualified bidding process, may establish a preferred funeral home for the disposition of unclaimed remains from individuals who die without plans for the disposition of his or her body

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.